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## *NDEAM Poster Art Competition and Poster Distribution*

Each October,  
 the Texas Governor's Committee on  
 People with Disabilities  
 produces a poster celebrating  
 National Disability Employment  
 Awareness Month.  
 Artwork for the poster is selected by a  
 submission and judging process  
 which is open to any  
 Texas artist with a disability.



## **NDEAM Poster SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

### ***What is the Governor's Committee?***

The Committee is composed of twelve gubernatorial appointed members, at least seven of whom must be persons with disabilities. The Committee is supported by a staff of five state employees. Officials from various Texas state agencies serve as advisory ex-officio members.

### ***What does the Committee do?***

The Committee and staff serve as subject matter sources of information on the abilities, rights, problems, and needs of Texans with disabilities. They advise the Governor and the legislature on issues related to Texans with disabilities. Although the Committee does not have enforcement legislation linked to its enabling statute in the Texas Human Resources Code, Chapter 115, it develops policy recommendations based on citizen input and research.

### ***Does the Committee work with local committees and organizations?***

The Committee develops statewide networks of volunteer community-level committees to help promote dissemination of information and support the rights of Texans with disabilities. It provides information and technical assistance to public and private agencies and businesses to promote and facilitate disability rights laws.

### ***What is the National Disability Employment Awareness Month poster?***

Each fall since 1999, the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities produces a poster celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in October. Artwork for the poster is selected by a submission and judging process and is open to any Texas artist with a disability. Submissions for consideration are accepted from January to mid-March each year. No specific theme is mandated for the competition; the work of art which is chosen is the visual focus of the poster and the theme is designed around the significance of the art by layout specialists.

The colorful 18 x 24 inch posters are displayed in more than 2,000 businesses, government offices, schools and colleges across the State. In addition to displaying artwork in venues around the State, the posters are displayed alongside the original artwork at the office of the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities in Austin.

**\*\*Beginning September 1 of every year, we accept orders for FREE posters for offices and businesses, as well as for October NDEAM celebrations throughout the state. To place an order for one or more copies, please use the contact information on this brochure.**

Only **Texas artists with disabilities** are allowed to submit entries. A brief description of the artist's disability must be included in the Entry Form (available on our website or by contacting our office).

There is no age limit or specific theme. Original 2D and 3D art in all media are eligible. **There is no entry fee**, but all submissions must be accompanied by a signed copy of the submission form. The postmark **deadline for entries is March 15**.

**The winner of the NDEAM Poster Art contest will donate the original artwork** to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. There will be no monetary compensation for the art. However, the original art will be reproduced for use in the current year's Texas NDEAM Poster with a **prominent acknowledgment of the artist**.

A team of judges from the private and public sector will collectively decide on the winner based on such criteria as **Originality, Imagination, Visual Interest, and Skillful Use of Materials**.

The winning artist will be invited to and acknowledged at the **Texas Governor's Employment Awards Ceremony** in the fall. The artist will also be acknowledged in a statewide press release.

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